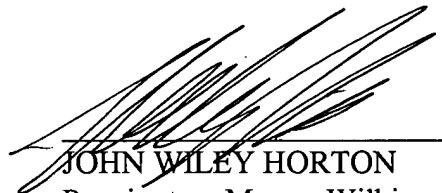


## REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the prior art references cited in the Examiner's final office action. Applicant has elected to request continued examination in order to significantly revise the claims in order to address the rejections. The revised claims are believed to be directed to a novel and nonobvious process. In general, the process involves adding a manufacturing jacket, then stripping small portions of the jacket away so that the exposed strands can be infused with liquid potting compound and then locked into an anchor or anchors. Once the potting compound has transitioned to a solid, the portion of the manufacturing jacket which lies outside the anchor is then stripped away (or substantially all of the outside portion is stripped away). The prior art does not disclose or suggest this combination of steps. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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